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ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION REPORT, 1100, JUNE 8, 1967 FLASH

Sixth Fleet Ship Attacked - Com Sixth Fleet has reported that the USS Liberty, a communications vessel with the Sixth Fleet, was attacked at 8:30 a.m. Washington time by three unidentified torpedo boats. The Liberty was hit by a torpedo and is reported to be listing badly. Eight planes have been dispatched from the Saratoga and the America to provide protection to the Liberty.

An Israeli Military Liaison Officer has just informed us that Israeli aircraft and vessels had erroneously attacked an American vessel this morning. The IDF has sent helicopters to take part in rescue operations. The Israeli Liaison Officer expressed deep regret and asked to be informed of the positions of other US ships in the war area.

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